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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, President's Foreign  
Intelligence Advisory Board

In view of my continuing concern with personnel security, I have had an appraisal made of the effectiveness of personnel security programs within the Central Intelligence Agency. The report results from a fairly wide-ranging internal assessment of the status of personnel security, rather than from a mere inspection of the Office of Security. That Office was surveyed in detail in 1954 and in 1960-61 by the Inspector General of CIA. It also has been surveyed by various external groups, including Mr. J. Patrick Coyne, staff member of the National Security Council, in June 1952; the Poolittle Study Group in August 1954; and the Clark Task Force in October 1954.

There are certain hazards to security that are not treated in this report, because it is impossible to arrive at any meaningful appraisal of their seriousness. I have in mind such things as loose talk at parties, loose talk at home, unreported contacts with newsmen, contacts with aliens and foreign embassy officials, and the gradual erosion of compartmentation.

A copy of the report is attached. I am also forwarding copies to the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Director, National Security Agency, because I believe that portions of the report may be of interest to them.

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Director

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